

M.Ed. in **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

Bilingual/ESL Education Specialization

Online
Program



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The online M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction with a specialization in ESL/Bilingual Education prepares graduates to serve the growing population of linguistically diverse learners.

TRACKS, DURATION AND CAREER OPTIONS

The **traditional track** is designed for teachers and other professionals who want to work in the K-12 field as bilingual or ESL teachers, curriculum specialists, instructional coaches or related careers. The degree consists of 10 classes (30 credit hours) and can be completed in one-and-a-half to two years while working full time. Speaking a language other than English is not required. Those not certified to teach may jointly pursue teacher certification.

The **dual credit track** caters to Spanish teachers or speakers seeking credentials to teach at a community college or some universities or to teach high school dual credit courses. The degree requires 12 classes (36 credit hours, including 18 hours in the UH Department of Hispanic Studies). It can be completed in two years while working full time. Students also will earn a Graduate Certificate in Spanish as a Heritage Language.

COURSEWORK HIGHLIGHTS

Courses focus on theories and approaches in second language acquisition, curriculum development and implementation, language assessment, sociocultural context and policies. Both tracks require a capstone project.

WHY NOW?

The percentage of English language learners in public schools nationwide has grown to roughly one in 10. In wonderfully diverse Houston, the percentage is double. Earning an M.Ed. in the bilingual/ESL field will help increase your marketability and help our youth and communities thrive.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

To apply: uh.edu/education. Application deadlines: tinyurl.com/UHCOEdeadlines.
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FAST FACTS



145

Languages spoken
in Houston

37

Nations represented
by UH students

269,400+

K-12 English
language learners in
greater Houston

“Houston is the best place to do bilingual work. There’s a huge need to serve linguistically diverse learners.”

—Associate Professor
Jie Zhang, Ph.D.

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